# Some particular direct-sum decompositions and direct-product decompositions

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### Proposition

The following conditions are equivalent for a ring R:

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- (ii) The Jacobson radical J(R) is a maximal right ideal.
- (iii) The sum of two elements of R that are not right invertible is not right invertible.
- (iv)  $J(R) = \{ r \in R \mid rR \neq R \}.$
- (v) R/J(R) is a division ring.
- (vi)  $J(R) = \{ r \in R \mid r \text{ is not invertible in } R \}.$
- (vii) The sum of two non-invertible elements of R is non-invertible.
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- (iv) The endomorphism ring  $\operatorname{End}(M_R)$  of an indecomposable module  $M_R$  of finite composition length is local.

# Krull-Schmidt-Azumaya Theorem, 1950

### **Theorem**

Let M be a module that is a direct sum of modules with local endomorphism rings. Then M is a direct sum of indecomposable modules in an essentially unique way in the following sense. If

$$M = \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i = \bigoplus_{j \in J} N_j,$$

where all the  $M_i$ 's  $(i \in I)$  and all the  $N_j$ 's  $(j \in J)$  are indecomposable modules, then there exists a bijection  $\varphi \colon I \to J$  such that  $M_i \cong N_{\varphi(i)}$  for every  $i \in I$ .

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Our aim: describe direct-sum decompositions of  $M_R$  as a direct sum  $M_R = M_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus M_n$  of finitely many direct summands.

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### Lemma

Let  $\mathcal C$  be a category with a terminal object and in which a product  $A \times B$  exists for every pair A, B of objects of  $\mathcal C$ . Then  $V(\mathcal C)$  is a large reduced commutative monoid.



# Bergman and Dicks, 1974-1978

### **Theorem**

Let k be a field and let M be a commutative reduced monoid. Then there exists a class  $\mathcal C$  of finitely generated projective right modules over a right and left hereditary k-algebra R such that  $M\cong V(\mathcal C)$ .

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For instance, two injective modules have the same monogeny class if and only if they are isomorphic (Bumby's Theorem).

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(Two cyclically presented modules over a local ring have the same lower part if and only if their Auslander-Bridger transposes have the same epigeny class.)

## Cyclically presented modules and idealizer

The endomorphism ring  $\operatorname{End}_R(R/aR)$  of a non-zero cyclically presented module R/aR is isomorphic to E/aR, where  $E := \{ r \in R \mid ra \in aR \}$  is the *idealizer* of aR.

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- (b) I and K are not comparable, and in this case E/I and E/K are division rings,  $J(E/aR) = (I \cap K)/aR$ , and (E/aR)/J(E/aR) is canonically isomorphic to the direct product  $E/I \times E/K$ .

# Weak Krull-Schmidt Theorem for cyclically presented modules over local rings

#### **Theorem**

(Weak Krull-Schmidt Theorem) Let  $a_1, \ldots, a_n, b_1, \ldots, b_t$  be n+t non-invertible elements of a local ring R. Then the direct sums  $R/a_1R \oplus \cdots \oplus R/a_nR$  and  $R/b_1R \oplus \cdots \oplus R/b_tR$  are isomorphic right R-modules if and only if n=t and there exist two permutations  $\sigma, \tau$  of  $\{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$  such that  $[R/a_iR]_i = [R/b_{\sigma(i)}R]_i$  and  $[R/a_iR]_e = [R/b_{\tau(i)}R]_e$  for every  $i=1,2,\ldots,n$ .

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If R is a *commutative* local ring and  $a_1,\ldots,a_n,b_1,\ldots,b_n$  are elements of R, then  $\mathrm{diag}(a_1,\ldots,a_n)\sim\mathrm{diag}(b_1,\ldots,b_n)$  if and only if there exists a permutation  $\sigma$  of  $\{1,2,\ldots,n\}$  with  $a_i$  and  $b_{\sigma(i)}$  associate elements of R for every  $i=1,2,\ldots,n$ . Here  $a,b\in R$  are associate elements if they generate the same principal ideal of R.

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### Proposition

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For a right module  $A_R$  over a ring R, let  $E(A_R)$  denote the injective envelope of  $A_R$ . We say that two modules  $A_R$  and  $B_R$  have the same upper part, and write  $[A_R]_u = [B_R]_u$ , if there exist a homomorphism  $\varphi \colon E(A_R) \to E(B_R)$  and a homomorphism  $\psi \colon E(B_R) \to E(A_R)$  such that  $\varphi^{-1}(B_R) = A_R$  and  $\psi^{-1}(A_R) = B_R$ .

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$$0 \longrightarrow \ker \varphi \longrightarrow E_0 \xrightarrow{\varphi} E_1$$

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(Weak Krull-Schmidt Theorem) Let  $\varphi_i \colon E_{i,0} \to E_{i,1}$  ( $i=1,2,\ldots,n$ ) and  $\varphi_j' \colon E_{j,0}' \to E_{j,1}'$  ( $j=1,2,\ldots,t$ ) be n+t non-injective morphisms between indecomposable injective right modules  $E_{i,0}, E_{i,1}, E_{j,0}', E_{j,1}'$  over an arbitrary ring R. Then the direct sums  $\bigoplus_{i=0}^n \ker \varphi_i$  and  $\bigoplus_{j=0}^t \ker \varphi_j'$  are isomorphic R-modules if and only if n=t and there exist two permutations  $\sigma,\tau$  of  $\{1,2,\ldots,n\}$  such that  $[\ker \varphi_i]_m = [\ker \varphi_{\sigma(i)}']_m$  and  $[\ker \varphi_i]_u = [\ker \varphi_{\tau(i)}']_u$  for every  $i=1,2,\ldots,n$ .

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# A general pattern

#### **Theorem**

[F.-Příhoda, Algebr. Represent. Theory 2011] Let  $\mathcal C$  be a full subcategory of  $\operatorname{Mod-R}$  and  $\mathcal P, \mathcal Q$  be two completely prime ideals of  $\mathcal C$ . Assume that all objects of  $\mathcal C$  are indecomposable right R-modules and that, for every  $A \in \operatorname{Ob}(\mathcal C)$ ,  $f:A \to A$  is an automorphism of A if and only if  $f \notin \mathcal P(A,A) \cup \mathcal Q(A,A)$ . Then, for every  $A_1,\ldots,A_n,B_1,\ldots,B_t \in \operatorname{Ob}(\mathcal C)$ , the modules  $A_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus A_n$  and  $B_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus B_t$  are isomorphic if and only if n=t and there exist two permutations  $\sigma,\tau$  of  $\{1,2,\ldots,n\}$  such that  $[A_i]_{\mathcal P} = [B_{\sigma(i)}]_{\mathcal P}$  and  $[A_i]_{\mathcal Q} = [B_{\tau(i)}]_{\mathcal Q}$  for all  $i=1,\ldots,n$ .

For the classes  $\mathcal C$  of modules described until now, the fact that the weak form of the Krull-Schmidt Theorem holds can be described saying that the corresponding monoid  $V(\mathcal C)$  is a subdirect product of two free monoids.

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[F.-Dung, J. Algebra 1997] Let  $\{A_i \mid i \in I\}$  and  $\{B_j \mid j \in J\}$  be two families of uniserial right R-modules. Assume that there exist two bijections  $\sigma, \tau \colon I \to J$  such that  $[A_i]_m = [B_{\sigma(i)}]_m$  and  $[A_i]_e = [B_{\tau(i)}]_e$  for every  $i \in I$ . Then

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#### **Theorem**

[Příhoda 2006] Let  $\{U_i \mid i \in I\}$  and  $\{V_j \mid j \in J\}$  be two families of uniserial modules over an arbitrary ring R. Let I' be the sets of all indices  $i \in I$  with  $U_i$  quasismall, and similarly for J'. Then  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} U_i \cong \bigoplus_{j \in J} V_j$  if and only if there exist a bijection  $\sigma \colon I \to J$  such that  $[U_i]_m = [V_{\sigma(i)}]_m$  and a bijection  $\tau \colon I' \to J'$  such that  $[U_i]_e = [V_{\tau(i)}]_e$  for every  $i \in I'$ .

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A full subcategory  $\mathcal C$  of  $\operatorname{Mod-}R$  is said to satisfy Condition (DSP) (direct summand property) if whenever A,B,C,D are right R-modules with  $A\oplus B\cong C\oplus D$  and  $A,B,C\in\operatorname{Ob}(\mathcal C)$ , then also  $D\in\operatorname{Ob}(\mathcal C)$ .

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# Cyclically presented modules

#### **Theorem**

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# Kernels of morphisms between indecomposable injective modules

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